

# THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT ATHOS

## Autumn Meeting

There will be a meeting of the society in London on Thursday 15 November 2018.  
The meeting begins at 6.00 pm with a service of

## Orthodox Vespers

in the church of St Dunstan in the West, 184 Fleet Street, London EC4A 2HR.

After the service at about 7.00 pm there will be a glass of wine at the St Bride Foundation in Bride Lane, off Fleet Street, London EC4Y 8EQ, followed by a talk by

## Dr Vladeta Jankovic:

### “Renewal in Hilandar: Causes and Consequences of Conflagration”



### The Speaker

Dr Jankovic was born 1940 in Belgrade. He holds degrees in Classics and Comparative Literature from Belgrade University. For 40 years he lectured in Classical Literature and Comparative History of European Drama at the Department of Comparative Literature, Faculty of Letters, University of Belgrade. He served as the ambassador of his country from 2001 to 2004 in the UK and from 2008 to 2012 at the Holy See. He is the co-founder and vice-president of the Serbian Society of Friends of Athos, and a frequent visitor to the Holy Mountain. He is also a patron of FOMA.

### The Topic

Briefly touching upon history as well as the spiritual and cultural importance of Hilandar Monastery, the paper concentrates on more factual aspects of the disastrous fire which affected the Monastery in March 2004, including both its immediate and long term effects. There follows a detailed account of the progress of reconstruction works, which are entering their fifteenth year, of the costs involved and sources of financing, as well as a recapitulation of the activities to follow. A part is devoted to the four stages of FOMA's "Hilandar Appeal" and its tangible results. The paper finally turns to a general overview of the present state of affairs in Hilandar on its way to complete renewal. The talk will be illustrated by slides.

**There is no charge for attending this meeting, though there will be a plate for contributions towards expenses. Guests are warmly invited to attend.**